respectively. Certain unfeasible riverine and shifting sand dune areas in Punjab and Rajasthan respectively have been left unfenced. Government have also approved a comprehensive proposal for construction of fencing and flood lighting on raised embankments, border roads, link road and Border Out Posts in 310 Kms. of Rann of Kutch area in Gujarat sector at an estimated cost of Rs. 380.00 crores. Work in 10 Kms. stretch has already started. A multi-modal approach for sealing 195 Kms. of Jammu International Border at an estimated cost of Rs. 23.00 crores has also been planned. International border between India and Nepal is open border and no passport & visa are required by the citizens of the two countries to travel across the International border. However, measures have been taken to enhance cooperation with Nepal, particularly with regard to implementing effective border management. The concerned agencies of the two Governments remain in regular touch. There are also bilateral institutional mechanisms for developing cooperation on security measures and to address these concerns. Both sides have agreed to take well coordinated measures, including stepping up vigil along the contiguous border districts of India and Nepal to prevent misuse of the open Indo-Nepal border. Policing on Indo-Nepal border has also been intensified and strengthened.

Pension to Freedom Fighters

†2174. SHRI SHIBU SOREN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are providing pension and other facilities to freedom fighters;

(b) if so, the number of freedom fighters, state-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that they are provided with gas connection and first class travelling facility in trains alongwith an attendant;

(d) in what manner these freedom fighters are being identified;

(e) what is the process of identification in such cases; and

(f) the measures being taken by Government to prevent the misuse of the said facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The Central Government is providing pension and other facilities to those freedom fighters who fulfill the eligibility laid down by it.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) A statement indicating the number of freedom fighters in whose case pension has been sanctioned by the Central Government is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) to (f) Freedom fighters in receipt of pension from the Central Revenues are issued 1st class/2nd class AC Railway passes to travel free of cost along with spouse or a companion. No gas connection facility is being provided by the Central Government to such freedom fighters.

Freedom fighters are identified on the basis of the Pension Payment Order (PPO) issued by the competent authority at the time of issue of fresh/duplicate Railway pass. However, for the purpose of annual renewal of the Railway pass, the freedom fithter or his widow has to produce "Life Certificate" issued by the Pension Disbursing Authority indicating that he/she is in receipt of pension from the Central Revenues.

In case of detection of misuse of Railway pass facility, the pass is cancelled, wherever considered necessary.

STATEMENT

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of Pensions Sanctioned
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11,254
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0
3.	Assam	4,436
4.	Bihar	24,819
5.	Goa	911
6.	Gujarat	3,579
7.	Haryana	1,676
8.	Himachal Pradesh	603
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1,806
10.	Karnataka	10,008
11.	Kerala	2,875
12.	Madhya Pradesh	3,360
13.	Maharashtra	16,543
14.	Manipur	62
15.	Meghalaya	86
16.	Mizoram	04
17.	Nagaland	03

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	No. of Pensions Sanctioned
18.	Orissa	4,182
19.	Punjab	6,986
20.	Rajasthan	800
21.	Tamil Nadu	4,086
22.	Tripura	886
23.	Uttar Pradesh	17,977
24.	West Bengal	22,443
25.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	03
26.	Chandigarh	89
27.	Daman & Diu	33
28.	NCT of Delhi	2,040
29.	Pondicherry	315
30.	Indian National Army (INA)	22463
	TOTAL	1,64,328

Surrender package for naxalites

2175. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to announce surrender package for naxalites;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures proposed to provide them jobs for sustenance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Government has drafted a Surrender Policy for Left Wing Extremists and has circulated it among the concerned States for eliciting their views. The primary objective of the policy is to contain the Left Wing Extremist violence by weaning away the misguided youth and able bodied men and women who have drifted to the extremist fold and to bring them back to the main stream.